

THE RIGHT SPIRIT AND THE RIGHT KIND OF HELP.

Here (infra) is a letter from an ex-president of the Society that tells its own story. This is the kind of co-operation that counts a whole lot. We have begged men to refer to the JOURNAL; to let us know if they are going to get an automobile; to correspond with advertisers, etc. Doubtless at the present time there are a number of members who will buy automobiles in the course of the next few months; if they would let us know, and let us know what kind of car they had in mind, we could get that car for them without it costing them a dollar more—and we could also get some more advertising for the JOURNAL. It is your own JOURNAL and by helping it you only help yourself. Can you not see it? Will you not do it? We have a number of new advertisements, in the last few months; Uncle Sam, Battle Creek, Betz (whose advertising copy is carefully gone over in the A. M. A. office), Calso water, and a number of others. Why not look them up in the JOURNAL and see what is offered you? And let the advertiser know!

"I want to compliment you on the Journal; I think you have had some dandy editorials lately and I think your criticism of the members of our Society for not taking advantage of the opportunity of helping the Journal is a very good criticism. It is probably a matter of indifference on the part of the members of the Society. I freely acknowledge it has been so with me and after reading the editorial I immediately filled out a coupon to the Battle Creek Sanitarium and to the Uncle Sam Breakfast Food and sent them in. I would suggest that it might not be a bad idea if you think well of it to call attention either editorially or some way in the Journal to new advertisements or special advertisements or any good opportunity for young men locating or exchanges of practice or anything of that sort.

"I speak of these things because I presume the average member is like myself, he rarely looks at the advertisements unless there is some particular thing that he is looking up for himself and the average busy practitioner if he wants an instrument, or a new automobile, is liable to go to those sources most convenient for him and it never occurs to him to look in the Journal and see how he can help the Journal along. If we could encourage them to look upon the Journal as a clearing house for the medical profession of the state irrespective of the membership, it would help very materially in encouraging those who have the acting management of the Journal, if it added to their labors."

GUARD YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

While it is true that "crime 46" did not pass and become a law, the very large number of people who voted for it show one of two things—either that a large number of voters think there should be little or no control over the qualifications of those who are to minister to the sick or injured, or that a great many people are ignorant of what they are voting for. The tendency of the times is sociologic unrest; resentment of any sort of con-

trol; let the individual do as he pleases. A large number of physicians are being licensed under this law who could not have been licensed under the former law. The barriers to the unqualified will probably be still further lowered, unless all signs fail. The time is rapidly coming, as the JOURNAL has said repeatedly during the last three years, when the only distinguishing mark of a properly trained physician will be membership in his County Medical Society. Therefore, every county unit should be very careful in the scrutiny of applicants for membership and should be equally careful in the scrutiny of the conduct of its present members. We must see that our societies are made up only of physicians of high character and good professional conduct; and this for the protection of all of us. The State Society office keeps track of all physicians who obtain licenses in this state and is constantly adding to the personal information about them. Every county society should send the names of applicants to the State Society office for investigation before they are elected to membership. It is, of course, possible that the law will be allowed to remain as it is; but it is doubtful. In all probability, greater "liberality" will be amended into the law by the next legislature, and that will make it still more imperative for us to guard well our county units.

UNREST IN NEW YORK STATE.

A circular has been received, which was apparently used as a campaign document in New York, as it is unsigned and has nothing to indicate where it comes from or who is responsible for it. It is nevertheless interesting as it shows so clearly that the spirit of unrest, of determination to remove standards of requirements in professional equipment is as rampant in New York, almost, as it is on the extreme western side of the continent. Also, the quotation from Governor Glynn's remarks, if true, and there is no reason to believe otherwise, is illuminating in the way of showing how *some* governors look at a high medical standard as protection for the people. The circular is, in part, as follows:

The Attention of Physicians is Directed to the Following:

Cheiropractic, Naturopathic, Osteopathic and Christian Science bills were presented at Albany last year. Two of them, which would have broken down every barrier which now prevents the practice of medicine by unqualified persons, were passed.

It was the courageous vetoes of Governor Glynn which alone saved the medical standards of which New York State has been so proud.

In speaking on this subject before the sanitary officers of the state in September, Governor Glynn said:

"While I am governor, no man will practice medicine in this state by simply hanging out the sign 'Healer.' I am opposed to 'heelers' in politics and I am against 'healers' in medicine, my friends.

"I believe in the preservation of high stand-